

**WAUKESHA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

March 21, 2011

Minutes

Present:

Chair Troy Norman (Goodwill), Mary Madden (NAMI), Michael DeMares (WCDHHS), Lisa McLean (MHA), Marybeth Vander Male (HIL), Dennis Farrell (WCHHS) Board, Linda Cole (Friendships)

Excused:

Joan Sternweis (MCH –DT), Maura McMahon, Public Defender's Office, James Hanover (Div. of Voc. Rehab.), Diane Begos (MHC – CCS), Corrine Gresen (WMH), Colleen Gonzalez (WCTC), and Terry Findley (Consumer Advisor)

The meeting was called to order by Mary Madden at 1:40 pm.

Educational Segment – Cancelled

Review and Approval of February 21, 2011 Minutes

One change noted. Dennis Farrell made a motion seconded by Linda Cole to approve the minutes of February 21, 2011 as corrected. All voted and the motion carried.

Board Liaison Report

Dennis Farrell reported the board presentation is scheduled for March 31, 2011. April 21, 2011 is the Public Hearing and citizens are encouraged to attend. On April 28, 2011, we prepare for the May 5, 2011 meeting with the County Executive by prioritizing information gathered from the public hearing as well as the presentation to the Health and Human Services Board.

Dennis passed around prescription discount cards that are now available and encouraged members to share with clients.

Sub-Committee Reports

1. Legislative – Dennis Farrell

Dennis Farrell summarized an article in today's Milwaukee Journal article that identifies Southeast Wisconsin communities will be hit hardest in state. Waukesha County's loss in shared revenue, road cuts, and *others* may total \$1.3 million. How do we raise that deficit? We can only raise real estate tax depending on growth and population increase. Dennis said that in the past, we had never faired all that well with any administration; we had to continue doing our own thing, try to find our own funds, and raise money on our own. He felt that is because the people that we serve are not always strong advocates for funding their needs like road builders and sheriffs departments.

Mike reminded us that this is a two-year budget and split between two years. This county is in a lot better shape than other counties. When they are talking about a half million-dollar cut it could be a quarter million if it is split into two years. County employees will pay into state retirement, which will eliminate some expense for the county (estimate is \$1 million). Mike stated that the department is always looking for new revenue sources. An internal review for HHS estimates the department will lose about \$350K over a two-year period in Youth Aids, which generally pays for correctional placements and the courts. There is discussion that parts of Badgercare and Food Share programs are proposed to be

run by the state by mid 2012. One of the things HHS is concerned about is the capping of Family Care for elderly, developmentally disabled and brain trauma clients. What we understand is that if one goes off, you can put another one on, but you can't exceed the total. Family Care has helped change the cost from county to state. If the state is going to cap the program that may increase costs to the adult protection services for things like placements that may end up being paid by the county. Mike repeated, at this point in time, these are all unknown situations.

Dennis stated the Human Service lobbying day in Madison is April 6, 2011. A group will go from here to lobby at the state. They will be visiting with a number of representatives and senators.

2. CCS Coordinator Committee – Mike DeMares/Diane Begos

No report.

3. COP Report – Mike DeMares

Adjustments in COP appropriations to clients are done throughout the year. Today's action is asking the committee to vote on transferring \$10,072 of COPS funds to one client. Dennis Farrell made the motion to make a \$10,072 adjustment for one person in a two-bed family home and Troy Norman second. All voted and the motion carried.

4. 2012 Unmet Needs – Mike DeMares

Mike passed out the AODA Advisory Committee unmet needs list that was presented last week to the board and committee.

1. Early Intervention Services. The Committee requests county funding for a youth and teen intervention specialist at the Addiction Resource Council. This position would expand early intervention services to teens. The program utilizes the Teen Intervene evidenced based program utilizing the Hazelton Curriculum. The parent component is based on the National Alliance on Mental Illness "One Family to Another" program. This is an evidence-based program for teens that do not yet meet the criteria for formal treatment but are engaging in risky drug/alcohol usage. (\$20,000)
2. Medicated assisted treatment for opiate addiction. Current Intensive Outpatient Programming could be utilized or expanded to accommodate medication-assisted treatment. Funds are necessary as the intensity and the epidemic of opiate addiction is significantly higher than in the past especially in the youth adult population. \$50,000
3. We are asking for the refunding of an existing position that is currently unfunded. This county employee would be a jail diversion worker, similar to a current position at HHS, expanding jail diversion services to the community. This position would be located within the clinical division of the Waukesha County Health and Human Services. This would be a county funded Substance Abuse Counselor/Case Manager position. If this position is not filled, we request that it remain unfunded and not eliminated. (\$60,000)
4. Cost of living increase for all contracted residential facilities. (2% = \$8,000)
5. Maintain the current level of funding for existing programs.

Mike passed out draft of Mental Health Advisory Committee's unmet needs for presentation next Thursday to the Health and Human Services Board.

1. Support the continuation of the 2011 array and levels of services provided to Waukesha county residents including access to new psycho pharmaceuticals for both children and adults.
2. Maintain funding to the present 211 (1st Call for Help system).

3. Provide for cost of living adjustments to residential providers for the Chronically Mentally Ill. (\$40,000)
4. Expand vocational services to increase development of community job training sites in co-ordination with the 1915i (community recovery services) program. (\$25,000)
5. Support and sustain the continuation of the peer support program in a variety of clinical settings. (\$10,000)

Troy Norman will attend presentation next Thursday with Mike. Dennis Farrell suggested educating new board members about Peer Support and Clubhouse.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Other

A motion was made by Mike DeMares and seconded by Mary Madden to adjourn the meeting. All voted and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Cooper, Recorder

Minutes were approved *Troy L. Norman* Date *April 18, 2011*